

Communion Service Liturgy for November 29, 2020

Community of Faith United Methodist Church

OPENING PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus, Come

(Based on Isaiah 64:1-9)

Many: Come Lord Jesus, Come!

One: Rip open the sky,
Make planes divert their flight paths,
Tell the mountains to duck,
And rush into this sanctuary.

Many: Come Lord Jesus, Come!

One: Come and silence the violence,
Stop stray bullets that kill the innocent,
Expose dealers who peddle addiction,
Make your enemies know you and tremble in your presence.

Many: Come Lord Jesus, Come!

One: We may fail to notice your presence
In everyday living,
In casual conversations,
Or in blessings disguised as “coincidences.”
Still we cry ...

Many: Come Lord Jesus, Come!

THE READING

Mark 13:24-37

“In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won’t give its light. 25 The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. 26 Then they will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. 27 Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

A lesson from the fig tree

28 “Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he’s near, at the door. 30 I assure you that this generation won’t pass away until all these things happen. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

32 “But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows. 33 Watch out! Stay alert! You don’t know when the time is coming. 34 It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. 35 Therefore, stay alert! You don’t know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. 36 Don’t let him show up when you weren’t expecting and find you sleeping. 37 What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

The cares of this life weigh us down, and we seek escape more than insight, avoidance rather than confrontation with God's truth. God comes to us even when we are hiding from the best we know. God waits to hear our story and to restore us to life as it is meant to be. Let us come to God in prayer.

CONFESSION

We confess, Surprising God, that our sense of anticipation has been dulled. We have ceased to expect any wonders from your hand. We do not see the marvels around us in the people and happenings we view as commonplace. We are not alert to your presence or your action on our behalf. Wake us up, God, lest sleep be our death. Pardon and redeem us, that we may escape the judgment we are bringing on ourselves. Send your light that it may shine through us into a needy world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

A BRIEF GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO RECEIVE

BLESSING & DISMISSAL



*The next outdoor Communion Service is Sunday, December 6, 2020 at Noon
We now have a large 20x10' tent, we'll be able to hold service rain or shine!*